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Ready, Set, Shop...Two Capital Area Historic Parks Unite to Host Annual Artisan Shopping Weekend

*Sutter's Fort & State Indian Museum Present
Traders' Faire and Indian Arts & Crafts Market -- April 12-13*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (SHP) and the State Indian Museum are teaming up to host their annual spring time artisan shopping events on the same weekend -- April 12 & 13, 2014. Sutter's Fort SHP will host its popular "Traders' Faire - California's First Mall" while the State Indian Museum will present its annual spring time "Indian Arts & Crafts Market," both open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. While the available wares are different at each location and true to their respective histories, both offer unique, hand-crafted items that make for treasured gifts and collectibles.

Amid a fun and lively shopping atmosphere, Fort visitors can watch artisans create pioneer goods for sale such as clothing, housewares, toys, beads and knives. Guests will also have the opportunity to make their own crafts, haggle with traders, hammer square nail and enjoy demonstrations of black powder weapons. And at nearby State Indian Museum, shoppers can peruse hand-crafted custom beaded jewelry, beautiful Native American artwork, intricately woven baskets, unique gourds, genuine soapstone and elk horn carvings, ceremonial drums and much, much more.

The special event "combo" ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$6 for youths ages 6-17 (children five and under are free) and includes entrance into both the "Traders' Faire" and the "Indian Arts & Crafts Market." Visitors are encouraged to support and learn from artisan crafters while also exploring two historic parks. For more information, call 916-445-4422 (Sutter's Fort SHP) or 916-324-0971 (State Indian Museum) or visit www.suttersfort.org or www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum.

*On Friday, April 11, the Traders' Faire will be open at Sutter's Fort SHP with a focus on education. Special event cost for that one-day-only is \$7 for adults; \$5 for youth (free for children five and under) and does not include entrance to the State Indian Museum.

About Sutter's Fort State Historic Park

Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the nonprofit Friends of Sutter's Fort. Sutter's Fort State Historic Park is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in midtown Sacramento on L Street between 26th and 28th Streets, the Fort offers monthly "Hands on History" activities and special events throughout the year. Established in 1839 by Swiss immigrant John Augustus Sutter, Sutter's Fort was at the center of a flourishing agricultural empire named New Helvetia (New Switzerland.) This empire established Sacramento's earliest settlement and the first European settlement in California's Central Valley. For more information, call (916) 445-4422 or visit www.suttersfort.org

About the State Indian Museum

The State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. The Museum is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) for self-guided tours and school group visits. The museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more information, please call (916) 324-0971 or visit www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum

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